

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2021 11:00 A.M.

The Board met in session at the Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center.
Present: Chairperson Walker, Vice Chairperson Rogers and Supervisor Zumbach. Board members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted.

Chairperson Walker called the meeting to order.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve minutes of March 17, 2021 as printed.

Charlie Nichols, Planning & Development Dir., met with the Board to discuss the Temporary Use Permit Policy.

Supervisors Walker and Rogers stated that they would like to continue to weigh in on each event and assess each on a case-by-case basis.

Supervisor Zumbach stated that he was willing to listen to what Public Health had to say but he is inclined to go by state guidelines and open up, noting that he does not want to get in the way of events that have contracts in place.

Pramod Dwivedi, Public Health Dir., stated that they are recommending that communities exercise the following guidelines under moderate risk: wash hands, cover coughs, stay home when ill, maintain physical distance, wear mask. Advice is to remain extremely cautious as they are still facing community spread and other variants out there.

The Board will discuss further on Wednesday.

Nichols also presented a resolution fixing the amount to be assessed for nuisance abatement at 5511 Hickorywood Court. He stated that they have dealt with this property for years, noting that it was posted as unsafe in December. The owner is not responding. Should progress fail, the county will demolish the house in the spring or summer and assess that to the property as well.

Supervisor Rogers stated that Planning & Development, Public Health and the Sheriff's Office have been keenly aware of this situation for a number of years. It is extreme hoarding (internal and external) and a gentleman lives there with a mental health condition.

Chairperson Walker stated that he is asking that throughout this process this individual be offered the resources to cope with his mental health and re-housing opportunities if his home is demolished.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin., asked that the following be postponed indefinitely: Discuss Change Order Numbers 2 & 3 from Unzeitig Construction Company for the Public Service Center Front Entrance Door Replacement and Subsurface Drainage Renovation Project.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve Kernels Concessions - Prospect Meadows Liquor License, 1850 Prospect Drive, retroactive to March 17, 2021, noting all conditions have been met.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve Liquor License for the Gardner Golf Course, 5101 Golf Course Rd., noting all conditions have been met.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Zumbach to approve Payroll Employment Change Roster (payroll authorizations) as follows:

TREASURER'S OFFICE

Universal Clerk Brittany Murphy Step increase/contract 03/27/21 56D \$24.03 - 56E \$25.33

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Special Prosecutor Alexander Geocaris Termination/resignation 04/09/21

Secretary Melissa Higginbotham Bid award 04/03/21 56E \$25.33 - 55E \$23.48 Replaces J. Pirc

Clerk Typist Erica Pecinovskiy Bid award 04/03/21 56E \$25.33 - 53E \$20.24

JUVENILE DETENTION

Youth Counselor Shawn Stampka New hire - FT 04/05/21 36A \$23.47 + \$.25 Replaces B. O'Connell

Youth Counselor Dylan Ciavarelli Step increase/contract 04/28/21 36B \$24.64 - 36C \$25.93

Youth Leader Matthew Broph End of probation 04/28/21 55A \$19.10 - 55B \$20.04

Motion by Walker, seconded by Zumbach to approve Claims #71001737-#71001757 in the amt. of \$349,681.20; ACH in the amt. of \$26,075.12; and Wires in the amt. of \$1,852,385.91.

Darrin Gage gave the following Legislative Update - Bill that requires voting members of Regional Governance Board be members of the Board of Supervisors and a bill that prohibits city and county's from adopting or enforcing an ordinance regarding landlords refusing to rent to those with vouchers.

Supervisor Rogers asked that the Board be notified of hot topic bills earlier so that they can take a position or give guidance to lobbyists.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Rogers to appoint Darline Reid, Maureen Osako and Jacob Wittrock to the Magistrate Nominating Committee, for terms ending 12/31/2026.

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Adjournment at 11:27

Respectfully submitted,

JOEL D. MILLER, Linn County Auditor
BY: Rebecca Shoop, Deputy Auditor

Approved by:

STACEY WALKER, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors